



**AMENDMENT AFTER
FINAL REJECTION**

Application #	09/679,646
Confirmation #	8442
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First Inventor	BLOOMFIELD
Art Unit	1764
Examiner	Manoharan, Virginia
Docket #	P06892US00/BAS

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In response to the Final Rejection dated June 23, 2003, and the Advisory Actions dated October 29, 2003 and January 6, 2004, and further to a telephone discussion between Examiner Manoharan and the undersigned, please amend the above identified application as follows.

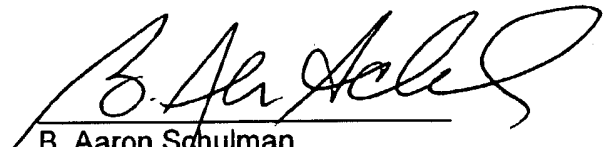
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

REMARKS to this Amendment are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

As set forth in the accompanying **REMARKS**, Applicants believe that in light of the present amendments, the case will be placed in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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